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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOKLIFE FESTIVAL

ATTN CAO HERMAN ZIVETZ

PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/
MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IMMEDIATELY:

1. GHANAIAI TROUPE OF 25 SHOULD ARRIVE U.S. POINT OF ENTRY
(PREFERABLY WASHINGTON, D.C. OR NEW YORK CITY) JULY 1.
2. SMITHSONIAN UNABLE TO ARRANGE GHANAIAI POST-FESTIVAL TOUR
DUE TO SHORT TIME PERIOD TO SECURE PROPER FINANCES AND ARRANGE
NEW TOUR ITINERARY, AND FOOD, LODGING, AND TRANSPORTATION
WITH HOST CITIES ON TOUR CIRCUIT.
3. GHANAIAI TROUPE TO PERFORM IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FESTIVAL
OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE JULY 3RD - JULY 14TH. TROUPE TO RETURN
TO GHANA JULY 15TH. ALL EXPENSES FOR THE TROUPE DURING ITS
STAY IN U.S. WILL BE ABSORBED BY SMI.
4. GHANAIAI TROUPE TO APPEAR ON SPECIAL NEWS MEDIA PROGRAMS
AND WASHINGTON, D.C. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.

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5. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST AS IN OUR ORIGINAL INVITATION TO

THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GHANA THAT THE SIZE OF THE TROUPE NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE PEOPLE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE WULOMAI TROUPE, AND CRAFTSMEN: A BRONZE AND GOLD WORKER (MR. NANA YAW BOAKYE OF KUMASI, IF POSSIBLE), A KENTE CLOTH WEAVER, AN ASHANTI STOOL CARVER, A COIL BASKET MAKER, AND A CALABASH WOOD OR MASK CARVER.

6. SMI REQUESTS THAT MODERN POTTER AND HAIR BRAIDER PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED BE DELETED FROM CRAFTS COMPONENT OF GHANAIAN TROUPE.

7. SMI SENDING BY MAIL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FACILITATE GHANAIAN TROUPE STAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

8. GOG TO ASSUME COST OF ROUND-TRIP: POD GHANA - POE U.S.;
POD U.S. - POE GHANA.

9. PLEASE CONFIRM POINT 8.

10. IMPORTANT TO RECEIVE RESPONSE SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE SMI TO SOLIDIFY ARRANGEMENTS HERE. SISCO

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